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SUBJECT: SOVIET INTERFERENCE WITH POUCH PICKUP

REF: MOSCOW 13030

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN EMBASSY PLAN TO SUBMIT NOTE
PROTESTING VIOLATION OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURES
FOR TRANSMITTING UNACCOMPANIED DIPLOMATIC POUCHES. WE
WILL FOLLOW UP WITH SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

2. NOTES EXCHANGED IN EARLY 1969 PROVIDE THAT UNACCOM-
PANIED POUCHES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO WEIGHING REQUIREMENTS,
AS IN CASE OF ACCOMPANIED DIPLOMATIC POUCHES, AND THAT
DELIVERY OF POUCHES FROM AIRCRAFT TO BAGGAGE ROOM WILL
BE CARRIED OUT, IF NECESSARY BY USING AIRPORT TRANSPORTA-
TION VEHICLES, UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION OF REPRESENTATIVE
OF DIPLOMATIC MISSION OF SENDING STATE.

3. PLANESIDE TURNOVER IS IMPLIED BUT NOT SPECIFIED IN
NOTES, AND EMBASSY'S PROTEST SHOULD NOT FOCUS ON THAT
ASPECT OF PROBLEM. JUDGING FROM EMBASSY'S REPORT, SOVIET
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SIDE DID NOT ALLOW EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE TO EXERCISE

DIRECT SUPERVISION OVER POUCHES AND DID NOT PROMPTLY TURN OVER POUCHES TO EMBASSY ONCE THEY HAD BEEN WEIGHED.

4. NOTES PROVIDE THAT US UNACCOMPANIED DIPLOMATIC POUCHES WILL BE CLEARLY MARKED AS SUCH, AND AN AIRWAY BILL, LISTING

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NUMBER OF PIECES, WILL BE ATTACHED ON ONE OF POUCHES IN EACH SHIPMENT. DEPARTMENT ASSUMES THIS REQUIREMENT WAS MET FOR SHIPMENTS OF OCTOBER 14 AND 18.

5. TEXTS OF 1969 NOTES FOLLOW:

A. DEPARTMENT'S NOTE OF FEBRUARY 4.

QTE THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF NOTE NO. 50 OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, DATED DECEMBER 20, 1968.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY FOR TRANSMITTING DIPLOMATIC MAIL UNACCOMPANIED BY COURIER ON AEROFLOT FLIGHTS BETWEEN MOSCOW AND NEW YORK, PROVIDED THAT A SIMILAR PRIVILEGE IS GRANTED BY THE SOVIET SIDE TO ALLOW TRANSMISSION OF US UNACCOMPANIED DIPLOMATIC MAIL ON CORRESPONDING PAN AMERICAN FLIGHTS.

US UNACCOMPANIED DIPLOMATIC POUCHES, OF A SIZE AND WEIGHT NORMALLY USED IN INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE, WILL BE DELIVERED AND RECEIVED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW IN AN OFFICIAL EMBASSY VEHICLE AT PLANESIDE. SUCH DIPLOMATIC MAIL POUCHES WILL BE SUBJECT TO WEIGHING REQUIREMENTS AS IN THE CASE OF ACCOMPANIED DIPLOMATIC POUCHES. US UNACCOMPANIED DIPLOMATIC POUCHES WILL BE CLEARLY MARKED AS SUCH AND AN AIRWAY BILL, LISTING THE NUMBER OF PIECES, WILL BE ATTACHED TO ONE OF THE POUCHES IN EACH SHIPMENT.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS PROCEDURE FOR TRANSMITTING UNACCOMPANIED DIPLOMATIC MAIL WILL NOT AFFECT THE ESTABLISHED PRACTICE OF TRANSMITTING DIPLOMATIC MAIL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACCOMPANIED BY COURIERS.

IF THESE PROCEDURES ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL, ON THE DATE OF A NOTE TO THIS EFFECT, CONSIDER THAT AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON THIS QUESTION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS. UNQTE

B. SOVIET EMBASSY NOTE OF FEBRUARY 27.

QTE THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS,
REFERRING TO ITS NOTE NO. 50 DATED DECEMBER 20, 1968 AND

THE NOTE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA DATED FEBRUARY 4, 1969, AFFIRMS ITS CONSENT
TO THE PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED NOTES
OF SENDING UNACCOMPANIED DIPLOMATIC MAIL BY SCHEDULED
AIRCRAFT OF AEROFLOT AND PAN AMERICAN.

HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY SEES NO PRACTICAL NECESSITY
FOR EMBASSY CARS DRIVING DIRECTLY TO THE SIDE OF THE
AIRCRAFT, AS IS MENTIONED IN THE NOTE OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF STATE, IN AS MUCH AS IT IS INTENDED THAT THE DELIVERY
OF SUCH DIPLOMATIC MAIL FROM THE AIRCRAFT TO THE BAGGAGE
ROOM OR FROM THERE TO THE AIRCRAFT BE CARRIED OUT, IF
NECESSARY, BY USING AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES UNDER
THE SUPERVISION OF AN EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE.

IN THE EVENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AGREES
WITH THE FOREGOING, THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT THIS
AGREEMENT ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DAY THAT THE DEPARTMENT
OF STATE NOTIFIES (US) TO THIS EFFECT. UNQTE

C. DEPARTMENT'S NOTE OF MARCH 10.

QTE THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WISHES TO INFORM THE EMBASSY
OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS THAT IT ACCEPTS
THE PROCEDURES FOR TRANSMITTING UNACCOMPANIED DIPLOMATIC
POUCHES AS SET FORTH IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 11 OF
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FEBRUARY 27, 1969. IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE THAT THE DELIVERY OF SUCH DIPLOMATIC
POUCHES FROM THE AIRCRAFT TO THE BAGGAGE ROOM OR FROM
THERE TO THE AIRCRAFT WILL BE CARRIED OUT, IF NECESSARY
BY USING AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES, UNDER THE DIRECT
SUPERVISION OF A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DIPLOMATIC
MISSION OF THE SENDING STATE.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE CONFIRMS THE PROPOSAL
SET FORTH IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE OF FEBRUARY 27 THAT THIS
AGREEMENT ENTERS INTO FORCE ON THE DATE OF THIS NOTE.
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